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1. Of approximately 200,000 Chinese in the Philippines, no more than two or three percent have Communist affiliations.
2. The majority of the established Chinese businessmen in the Philippines are strongly pro-US. However, these Chinese businessmen believe that the US is ill-advised in not proceeding immediately to a full wartime basis.
3. The majority of the Chinese now arriving in the Philippines have some Communist connection or would be subject to Communist control or pressure through their families or property in China.
4. If US forces are driven from Korea, the US will lose at least half of its present prestige in the Philippines and may lose even more.
5. Chinese residents of Manila believe that if the US is driven from Korea while Taiwan remains relatively well protected by Nationalist Chinese forces and the US Seventh Fleet, Taiwan will be by-passed and the Philippines will be attacked. They think that Soviet ships, believed to be concentrating at present in Siberia and the Kuriles, will participate in this action.
6. These Chinese believe that Communist China's air forces are sufficiently well equipped to afford air superiority for such an operation or can be reinforced quickly by the USSR. They also believe that Soviet submarines are capable of neutralizing or eliminating the Seventh Fleet quickly. They believe that these moves will take place no later than August, 1951.
7. Chinese in the Philippines are observing Korean developments closely. They are considering plans for getting along with the Communists in order to protect their interests in the event of an invasion of the Philippines.

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